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Date: 8.7.25

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

Questions

Do you offer Tier 3 weight management services (sometimes called specialist weight management services)? (Yes/~~No~~) **YES**

If yes, do you offer consultant-led Tier 3 weight management services? (Yes/~~No~~) **Yes**

For each non-consultant-led Tier 3 weight management service:

- The Trust offers consultant LED weight management service only within our Outpatient setting.

How many patients were waiting for treatment at the start of April 2024? - **1,801**

How many referrals to the Tier 3 weight management service were received per month from
Total Referrals Period - 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

	Tier 3 - Weight Management Clinic	Grand Total
2024	2,428	2,428
April	311	311
May	355	355
June	507	507
July	432	432
August	162	162
September	158	158
October	201	201
November	186	186
December	116	116
2025	459	459
January	132	132
February	158	158
March	169	169

Grand Total	2,887	2,887
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April 2024 to March 2025? (*Please complete attached spreadsheet*)

How many patients started treatment per month from April 2024 to March 2025? (*Please complete attached spreadsheet*)

For each consultant-led Tier 3 weight management service:

2024	1,779
April	168
May	140
June	246
July	252
August	161
September	174
October	223
November	260
December	155
2025	792
January	235
February	278
March	279
Grand Total	2,571

Please confirm whether these referrals and activity are submitted in the Trust's RTT submissions.
- **Yes, Chemical Pathology code 822 is not included in the RTT submission as we report at Main Specialty level not TFC so this activity and referrals would be allocated to the other section X code**

Please confirm which Treatment function code (TFC) is used for this activity. - **822**

How many patients were waiting for treatment at the start of April 2024? – **See response at top of the page**

How many referrals were received per month from April 2024 to March 2025? (*Please complete spreadsheet*)

Below is the total Referral count for the date range supplied. This includes all specialty referrals not just TIER 3 Referrals as only specified Referrals

2024	613,836
April	71,341
May	73,315
June	66,003
July	73,616
August	67,890
September	66,506
October	72,833
November	66,617
December	55,715
2025	199,718
January	66,696
February	63,785
March	69,237

Grand Total	813,554
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How many clocks starts were there per month from April 2024 to March 2025 (*Please complete attached spreadsheet*)

2024	1690
April	141
May	126
June	287
July	210
August	180
September	197
October	170
November	186
December	193
2025	797
January	158
February	311
March	328
Grand Total	2,487

What are the mechanisms used to record clock stops/first definitive treatments (e.g. appointment, information provided etc)?

- **Clock stops are recorded when a patient begins their first definitive treatment, meaning an intervention intended to manage their condition and potentially prevent further treatment needs. This often involves an appointment where treatment commences, but can also include admission for procedures or surgery**

Full explanation can be found here: [Recording and reporting referral to treatment \(RTT\) waiting times for consultant-led elective care](https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/02/Recording-and-reporting-referral-to-treatment-RTT-waiting-times-for-consultant-led-elective-care)

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Please provide the number of clock stops per month by mechanism from March 2024 to April 2025 (*Please complete attached spreadsheet*)

2024	898
April	75
May	70
June	131
July	151
August	55
September	54
October	82
November	125
December	155
2025	420
January	163
February	121
March	136
Grand Total	1,318

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust